



Statue of Dennis Chavez being unveiled by Stanlee Ann Miller, Maria Gloria Tristani, and Dennis Chavez Tristani.

Acceptance of the
Statue of
DENNIS CHAVEZ

Presented by the
State of New Mexico



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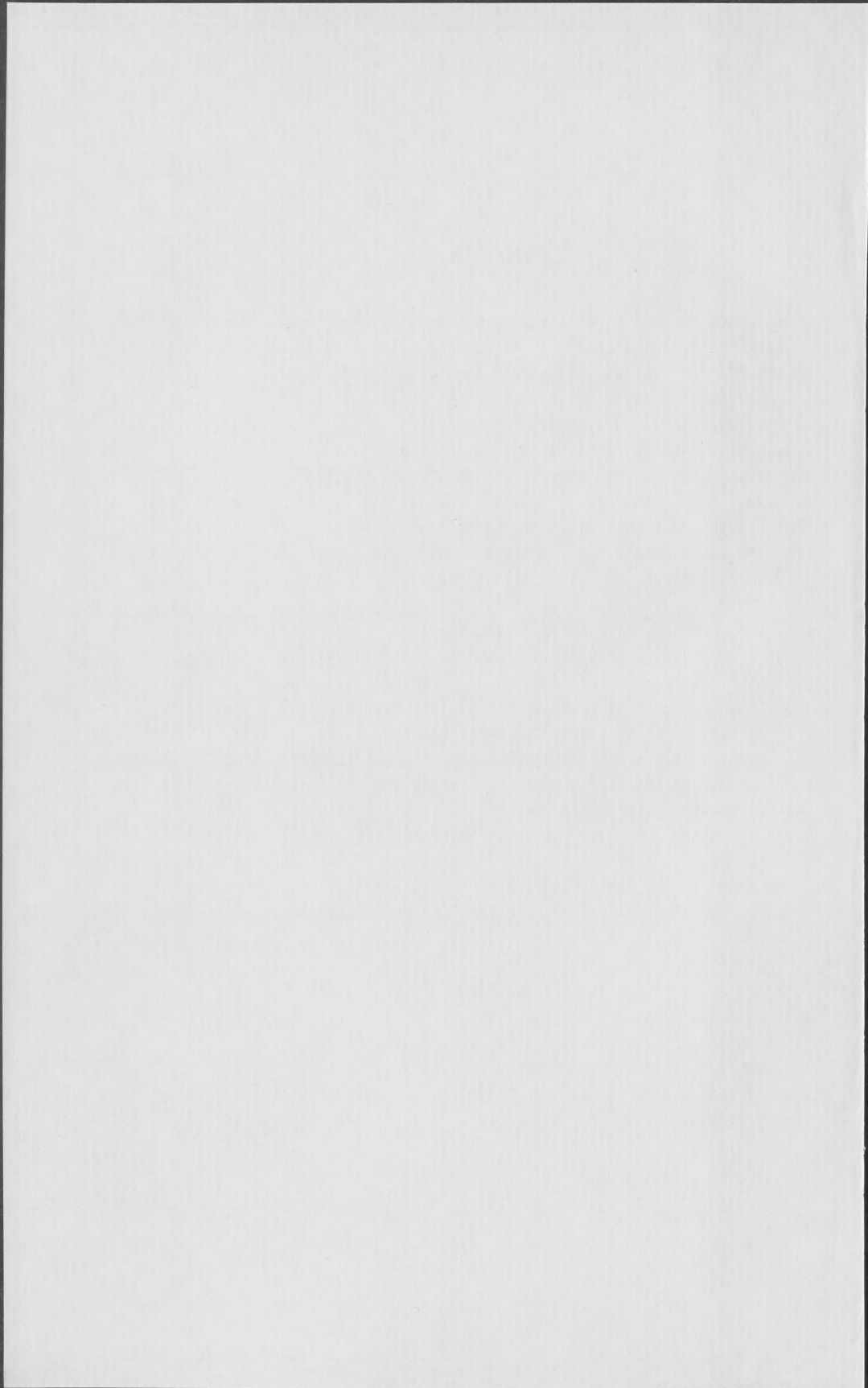
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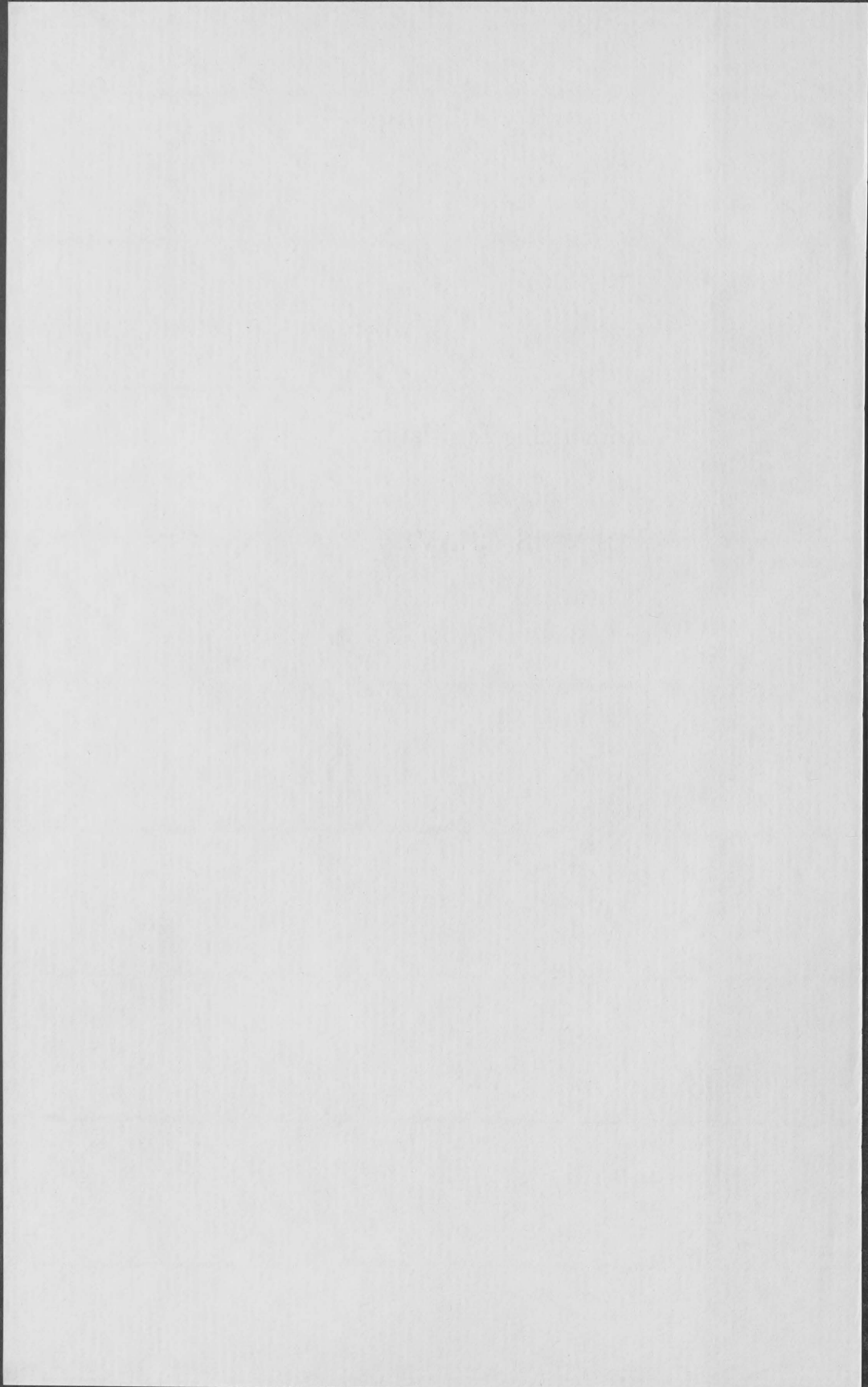
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Authorizing Legislation

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DENNIS CHAVEZ



Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 46

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),
That the Senator Dennis Chavez Statuary Hall Commission is hereby authorized to place temporarily in the rotunda of the Capitol a statue of the late Dennis Chavez, of New Mexico, and to hold ceremonies in the rotunda on said occasion, and the Architect of the Capitol is hereby authorized to make the necessary arrangements therefor.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 47

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the statue of the late Dennis Chavez, presented by the State of New Mexico, is accepted in the name of the United States, and that the thanks of Congress be tendered to the State for the contribution of the statue of one of its most eminent citizens, illustrious for his historic renown and distinguished civic services; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, suitably engrossed and duly authenticated, be transmitted to the Governor of New Mexico.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 48

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the proceedings at the presentation, dedication, and acceptance of the statue of Dennis Chavez, to be presented by the State of New Mexico in the rotunda of the Capitol, together with appropriate illustrations and other pertinent matter, shall be printed as a Senate document. The copy for such Senate document shall be prepared under the supervision of the Joint Committee on Printing.

SEC. 2. There shall be printed five thousand additional copies of such Senate document, which shall be bound in such style as the Joint Committee on Printing shall direct, and of which one hundred copies shall be for the use of the Senate and two thousand eight hundred copies shall be for the use of the Members of the Senate from the State of New Mexico, and five hundred copies shall be for the use of the House of Representatives and one thousand six hundred copies shall be for the use of the Members of the House of Representatives from the State of New Mexico.

Senate Report No. 703

Reported by Mr. JORDAN, of North Carolina

The Committee on Rules and Administration, to which were referred the concurrent resolutions (S. Con. Res. 46) authorizing the Senator Dennis Chavez Statuary Hall Commission to place temporarily in the rotunda of the Capitol a statue of the late Dennis Chavez (S. Con. Res. 47) accepting said statue in the name of the United States and expressing the thanks of Congress to the State of New Mexico, and (S. Con. Res. 48) authorizing the printing as a Senate document of the proceedings at the presentation, dedication, and acceptance of said statue, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the concurrent resolutions be agreed to.

EXPLANATION OF THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

Senate Concurrent Resolution 47

Senate Concurrent Resolution 47 would provide that the statue of the late Dennis Chavez, presented by the State of New Mexico as its first contribution to the National Statuary Hall collection, be accepted in the name of the United States; and that the thanks of Congress be tendered to the State for this statue of "one of its most eminent citizens, illustrious for his historic renown and distinguished civic services."

Senate Concurrent Resolution 46

Senate Concurrent Resolution 46 would authorize the Senator Dennis Chavez Statuary Hall Commission to place the Chavez statue temporarily in the rotunda of the Capitol and to hold appropriate ceremonies in connection therewith. The Architect of the Capitol would be authorized to make the necessary arrangements.

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Senate Concurrent Resolution 48

Senate Concurrent Resolution 48 would provide that the proceedings in the rotunda at the presentation, dedication, and acceptance of the Chavez statue, together with appropriate illustrations and other pertinent matter, be printed as a Senate document. The copy for the document would be prepared under the supervision of the Joint Committee on Printing. There would be printed and bound 5,000 additional copies of such document, of which 100 copies would be for the use of the Senate (1 per Member), 2,800 for the use of the Members of the Senate from the State of New Mexico (1,400 each), and 1,600 copies for the use of the Members of the House of Representatives from the State of New Mexico (800 each).

LETTERS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. SENATE FROM THE STATE
OF NEW MEXICO

Letters in support of Senate Concurrent Resolutions 46, 47, and 48, addressed to the Honorable B. Everett Jordan, chairman of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, by the two U.S. Senators from New Mexico, Hon. Clinton P. Anderson, author of the concurrent resolutions, and Hon. Joseph M. Montoya, are as follows:

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON AERONAUTICAL
AND SPACE SCIENCES,
September 3, 1965.

HON. B. EVERETT JORDAN,
Chairman, Committee on Rules and Administration,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This letter is written in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 46, authorizing the Senator Dennis Chavez Statuary Hall Commission to place temporarily in the rotunda of the Capitol a statue of the late Dennis Chavez, of New Mexico; Senate Concurrent Resolution 47, accepting the

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statue in the name of the United States; and Senate Concurrent Resolution 48, authorizing the proceedings for dedication and acceptance, and for the printing of an appropriate Senate document containing illustrations and a record of the proceedings.

The necessary steps have been taken by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico and by the Commission established by that body to express the will of the people of New Mexico and the family of our late Senator.

At the 26th regular session of the Legislature of the State of New Mexico, Senate bill No. 66 was presented and passed by both houses of the legislature and was signed into law February 28, 1963 (ch. 64 of the Laws of New Mexico, 1963).

The law provides that under the authority of title 40, United States Code, section 187, the State of New Mexico has designated Senator Dennis Chavez as an illustrious citizen of the State worthy of national commemoration, and directed that a marble or bronze statue of his likeness be placed in the National Statuary Hall in Washington.

Further, the law created a Statuary Hall Commission consisting of the Governor of the State as Chairman and four other citizens of the State to be appointed by the Governor. The law further authorized the raising by voluntary contribution of an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the statue.

The Commission was duly appointed and proceeded to contract for construction of the statue and pedestal. I have been advised that the statue is complete with the exception of the pedestal, which will be completed soon. The family of the deceased have advised me that they plan to hold ceremonies sometime in early January 1966.

In view of the progress being made in completing the statue and the desire of the family to present it in ceremonies during January 1966, I urge your committee to report the above resolutions favorably.

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I attach a brief biography of the late Senator Dennis Chavez, and a copy of chapter 64 of the Laws of New Mexico, 1963.

Sincerely yours,

CLINTON P. ANDERSON.

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
September 7, 1965

Hon. B. EVERETT JORDAN,
*Chairman, Senate Committee on Rules and Administration,
Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am contacting you in connection with Senate Concurrent Resolution 46, Senate Concurrent Resolution 47, and Senate Concurrent Resolution 48, legislation authorizing the placement of a statue of the late Senator Dennis Chavez, of New Mexico, in the Statuary Hall collection.

I certainly concur with the selection of Senator Chavez by the New Mexico State Legislature and the Commission and I am pleased to take this opportunity to advise you of my complete support of these resolutions.

The late Senator Dennis Chavez was well loved by the people of New Mexico, and throughout his career in the U.S. Congress, he worked diligently not only in behalf of the people he represented, but in behalf of the Nation.

His accomplishments in the field of reclamation, recreation, and other public works were a great contribution to the people of our Nation and will be enjoyed by them for many years to come. His unselfish service has certainly earned him the right to be honored by having a statue of him made a part of the Statuary Hall collection.

I urge immediate consideration of these resolutions in order that they may be acted upon before this session of Congress adjourns.

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH M. MONTOKA,
U.S. Senator.

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STATUTORY PROVISION RELATIVE TO STATUARY HALL

The statutory provision relative to the National Statuary Hall, as expressed in section 187 of title 40 of the United States Code, is as follows:

§ 187. National Statuary Hall.

Suitable structure and railings shall be erected in the old hall of Representatives for the reception and protection of statuary, and the same shall be under the supervision and direction of the Architect of the Capitol. And the President is authorized to invite all the States to provide and furnish statues, in marble or bronze, not exceeding two in number for each State, of deceased persons who have been citizens thereof, and illustrious for their historic renown or for distinguished civic or military services, such as each State may deem to be worthy of this national commemoration; and when so furnished, the same shall be placed in the old hall of the House of Representatives, in the Capitol of the United States, which is set apart, or so much thereof as may be necessary, as a national statuary hall for the purpose indicated in this section. (R.S. § 1814; Aug. 15, 1876, ch. 287, § 1, 19 Stat. 147; Mar. 3, 1921, ch. 124, § 1, 41 Stat. 1291.)

"LOCATION OF STATUES

"House Concurrent Resolution 47, passed Feb. 24, 1933, 47 Stat. Part. 2, 1784, provided:

"That the Architect of the Capitol, upon the approval of the Joint Committee on the Library, with the advice of the Commission of Fine Arts, is hereby authorized and directed to relocate within the Capitol any of the statues already received and placed in Statuary Hall, and to provide for the reception and location of the statues received hereafter from the States.'"

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ENACTMENT OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

The enactment by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico designating the late Senator Dennis Chavez as the first citizen of that State to be commemorated in the National Statuary Hall collection is as follows (ch. 64, 1963 Laws of the State of New Mexico, approved February 28, 1963):

CHAPTER 64

AN ACT Directing that a likeness of Senator Dennis Chavez be placed in National Statuary Hall in Washington; and providing for voluntary contributions to cover costs involved.

Senate Bill No. 66; Approved February 28, 1963

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico:

Section 1. STATUARY HALL DESIGNATION.—Under the provisions of 40 U.S.C., section 187, New Mexico designates Senator Dennis Chavez as an illustrious citizen of the state worthy of national commemoration and directs that a marble or bronze statue of his likeness be placed in national statuary hall in Washington.

Section 2. COMMISSION—FUNDS.—There is created the “statuary hall commission” consisting of the governor as chairman and four other citizens of the state appointed by the governor. The commission shall raise not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) by voluntary contributions and cause to be made a marble or bronze likeness of Dennis Chavez. When completed and accepted by the commission, the likeness shall be placed in national statuary hall.

House Report No. 1119

Reported by Mr. JONES, of Missouri

The Committee on House Administration, to whom was referred Senate Concurrent Resolution 46, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the concurrent resolution do pass.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 46 would authorize the Senator Dennis Chavez Statuary Hall Commission to place the Chavez statue temporarily in the rotunda of the Capitol and to hold appropriate ceremonies in connection therewith. The Architect of the Capitol would be authorized to make the necessary arrangements.

House Report No. 1120

Reported by Mr. JONES, of Missouri

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Senate Concurrent Resolution 47 would provide that the statue of the late Dennis Chavez, presented by the State of New Mexico as its first contribution to the National Statuary Hall collection, be accepted in the name of the United States; and that the thanks of Congress be tendered to the State for this statue of "one of its most eminent citizens, illustrious for his historic renown and distinguished civic services."

House Report No. 1121

Reported by Mr. HAYS, of Ohio

The Committee on House Administration, to whom was referred the Senate Concurrent Resolution 48, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the concurrent resolution do pass.

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Senator Dennis Chavez
Statuary Hall Commission

Hon. JACK M. CAMPBELL
LORENZO A. CHAVEZ
MIKE LEYBA

MAX I. MEADORS
Hon. A. T. HANNETT
LEO J. VALDES

Sculptor: FELIX DE WELDON

Biography of the Late Senator Dennis Chavez

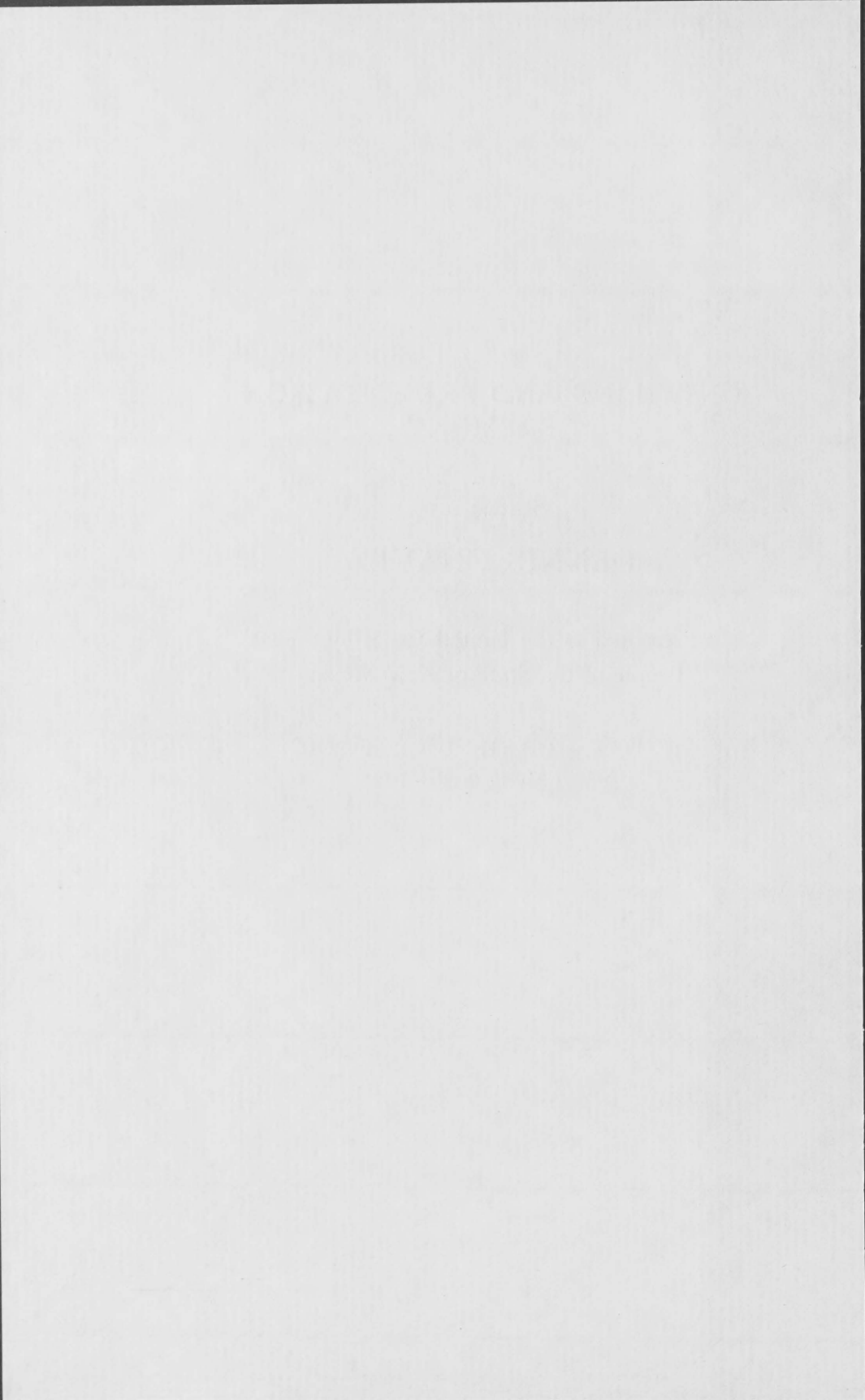
DENNIS CHAVEZ was born in Los Chavez, Valencia County, N. Mex., April 3, 1888; attended the public schools; was graduated from the Law Department of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., in 1920; worked as a grocer's clerk when 14 years of age and later in the engineering department of the city of Albuquerque; came to Washington in 1917 with Senator A. A. Jones and served as clerk in the Office of the Secretary of the U.S. Senate 1917-20; was admitted to the bar in 1920 and commenced practice in Albuquerque, N. Mex.; member of the State house of representatives in 1923 and 1924; member of the Democratic National Committee 1933-36; elected as a Democrat to the 72d and 73d Congresses (Mar. 4, 1931, to Jan. 3, 1935); did not seek renomination in 1934, but was an unsuccessful candidate for U.S. Senator; appointed on May 11, 1935, and elected on November 3, 1936, to the U.S. Senate to fill the vacancy in the term ending January 3, 1941, caused by the death of Bronson M. Cutting; reelected in 1940, 1946, 1952, and again in 1958, and served until his death in Washington, D.C., November 18, 1962; interment in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

UNVEILING AND PRESENTATION
CEREMONY

Statue of
DENNIS CHAVEZ

Presented to the United States by the
People of the State of New Mexico

ROTUNDA OF THE U.S. CAPITOL
March 31, 1966, at 2 p.m.



Program for Unveiling and Presentation Ceremony

ROTUNDA OF U.S. CAPITOL, MARCH 31, 1966, 2 P.M.

*Master of Ceremonies, Hon. John M. Kelly, President, New Mexico
State Society*

Presentation of colors by the Joint Services Color Guard.

The National Anthem by the U.S. Marine Band.

Invocation by the Most Reverend John S. Spence, D.D., V.G.

Introduction of Mrs. Chavez and family by the Honorable John
M. Kelly.

Introduction of Senator Dennis Chavez Statuary Commission
Members.

Presentation of statue by Lorenzo A. Chavez to the Congress of
the United States.

Introduction of distinguished guests by the Honorable Clinton P.
Anderson.

Unveiling of statue by Stanlee Ann Miller, Maria Gloria Tristani,
and Dennis Chavez Tristani.

Acceptance of statue by the Honorable Clinton P. Anderson.
Senator from New Mexico.

Remarks by—

The Vice President.

The Speaker.

The Chief Justice.

Hon. Mike Mansfield, Majority Leader.

Hon. Everett M. Dirksen, Minority Leader.

His Excellency Dr. Guillermo Sevilla-Sacasa.

Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff,
Department of Defense.

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Hon. Lister Hill, Senator from Alabama.

Hon. Henry B. Gonzalez, Representative from Texas.

Hon. Paul A. Porter.

Charles Upham, former president, American Road Builders Association.

Hon. Robert L. Bennett, Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Benediction by the Reverend Frederick B. Harris, Chaplain of the U.S. Senate.

"O, Fair New Mexico" by the U.S. Marine Band.

Invocation by the Most Reverend John S. Spence, D.D., V.G.

God, the Creator of all men and Judge of their final destiny, look down upon us as we gather here to honor the memory of your departed son, Senator Dennis Chavez.

In this life he was ever a champion of the underdog, the poor and oppressed. In the service of the State of New Mexico, and later as Congressman and United States Senator, he displayed a dedication to his ideals, a tenacity of purpose, a skill in overcoming odds and a sensitive regard for the rights of minority groups that won the respect of his colleagues and the gratitude of his constituents. Richly has he earned the honor of being enshrined in this rotunda of the Capitol, where statues of others who merited the term of "statesmen" look on, as it were, in approval.

And we pray You, Eternal Father, that as we gratefully recall his long devotion to the welfare of his country and his fellow man, may this shining record be also inscribed in the Golden Book of Heaven. We pray also that, when the Moment of Truth arrives, he may hear from a just and merciful God the consoling words, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Because you have been faithful over a few things, I will place you over many things. Enter into the Joy of the Lord." Amen.

Presentation of Statue

By Lorenzo A. Chavez

Mr. Vice President Humphrey, Chief Justice Warren, distinguished guests, Mrs. Dennis Chavez and family, friends of Senator Dennis Chavez: Governor Jack Campbell, the chief executive of the State of New Mexico who is hosting an area conference in Santa Fe today, has asked me to represent him at the presentation of this statue of one who was my friend, Senator Dennis Chavez, our State's first native born Senator.

On behalf of the committee I thank our Senators, the Honorable Clinton P. Anderson and the Honorable Joseph Montoya and our Congressmen the Honorable Tom Morris and the Honorable John Walker for their help. Special thanks are also due Miss Eloise De La O, in Senator Clinton P. Anderson's office, for her help in making arrangements for this day.

Repetition of what has been said or preemption of what can be said, about the Senator's accomplishments, by others would not add much to this occasion. All of us are justly proud of what he did and the things for which he stood.

Rather, I keep thinking of the thousands of persons, back in New Mexico, poor, wealthy, young and old—persons who knew him as their Senator—persons for whom he did so much. In desire, they are in this rotunda with us. They are, if possible, even prouder than anyone here, because, this day, their Dennis Chavez is being honored in the Nation's Capitol.

With the sense of justice and equality which he possessed and his kindness, he became a part of each of their families. To the farmer, the rancher, the miner, to all workers, he was a friend. To these people he belonged. They knew him and loved him. He was their Senator and I only wish all of them could be here with us.

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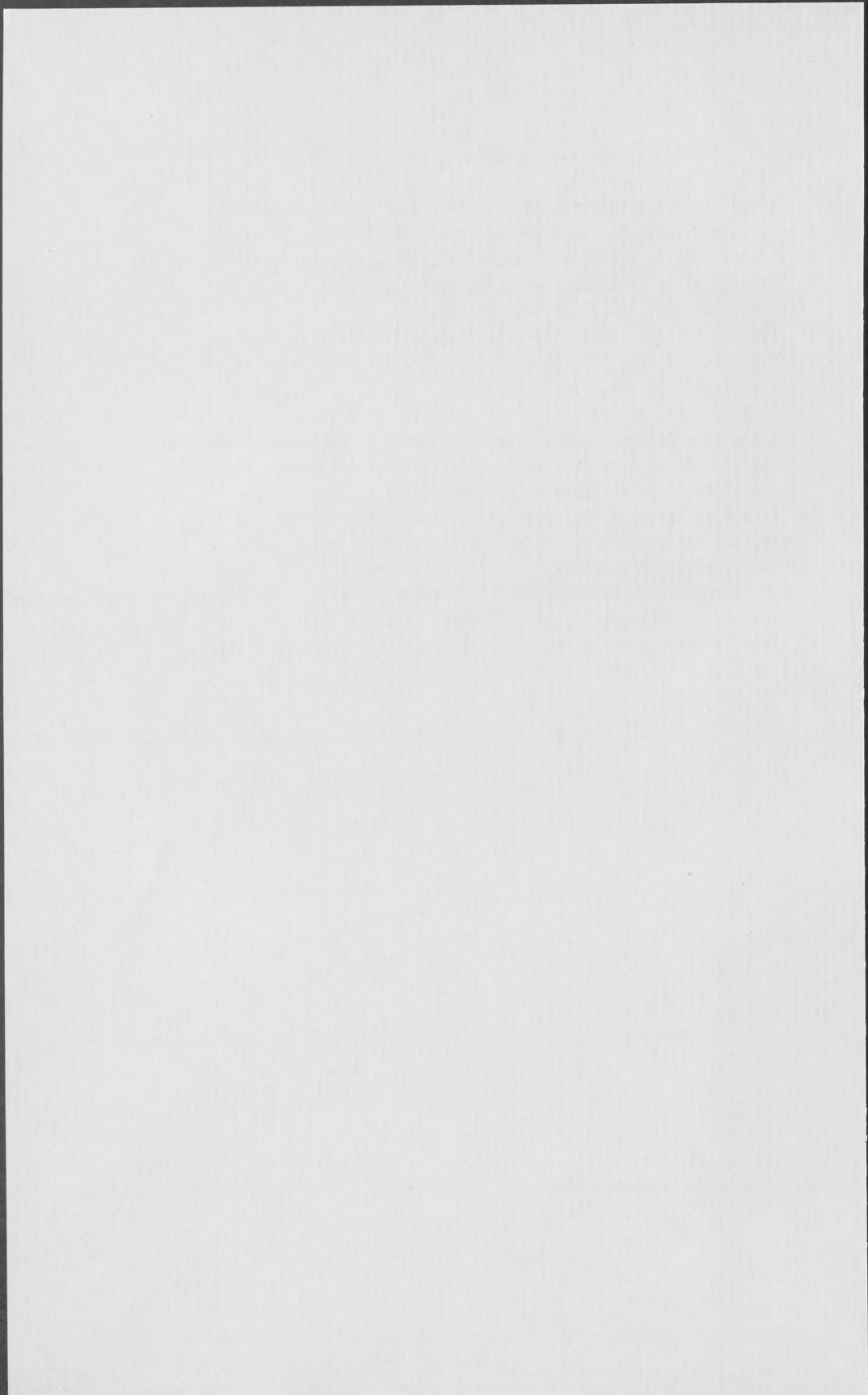
I can understand their feeling. Many, like me, felt he was not only their Senator but their personal protector as well. To many of us he was like another father, helping us to find our place in life, to learn a profession, and otherwise equipping us to fulfill the responsibility of being men and citizens.

His unshakeable loyalty to this country, his State, family and friends, engendered confidence. When it came to what he stood for, he remained undaunted by criticism, smear or unpopularity.

These are but a few of the things which led the legislature of the State of New Mexico to take steps to have done all things necessary to place this statue of the late Senator Chavez in Statuary Hall. I am proud to have served on the committee.

It is a privilege to perform this sad and yet so happy task of honoring the memory of the Senator by presenting his statue to the country he loved so deeply. We know his pride and devotion to his family. We hope that their grief may be abated by their just pride in having this statue placed in Statuary Hall.

With great respect, on behalf of the people of New Mexico, I present to the United States of America this statue of Senator Dennis Chavez.







Senator Clinton P. Anderson, of New Mexico, speaking at rostrum, accepting statue.

Acceptance of Statue

By Senator Clinton P. Anderson

OF NEW MEXICO

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice President, Mr. Speaker, members of the New Mexico congressional delegation, members of the Chavez family, honored guests, citizens, and friends of New Mexico: This is a significant occasion for the Nation, for New Mexico, for friends of humanity and justice around the world, and for me, a long-time colleague of Senator Dennis Chavez, as New Mexico places her contribution among the greats of America in Statuary Hall.

When I first came to the Senate in 1949, Dennis Chavez had already been here for 14 years. We were to serve together for the next 14 years. During this time I came to respect his fine qualities of heart and mind and his driving determination.

From my own experience I can tell you how heart warming it was to see Senator Chavez enter the Senate Chamber on the opening day of the session in 1962. Though quite ill, he had left the hospital and braved a snowstorm to attend the opening. As he entered, he received a warm welcome from his colleagues who knew well the effort involved.

On July 17, 1962, the Senate was taking a critical vote on Medicare. Senator Chavez once again left the hospital to come and vote. Although suffering from his own ills he wanted to cast a vote to ease the health problems of the elderly.

When we speak of Senator Chavez we are speaking of a man who walked among the mighty but never forgot his origins among the humble. Senator Chavez, a self-made man, never forgot his

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obligation to the people who helped him climb the ladder to political and governmental success.

In accepting this statue for Americans everywhere, I am grateful that as long as the Capitol stands, Dennis Chavez will stand before the Nation representing the people whom he loved and who in turn loved him.





Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey speaking at presentation ceremony in the rotunda.

Remarks by Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey

Thank you very much, Senator Anderson, Mr. Chief Justice, Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Chavez, members of the family of Senator Chavez, daughters, sons, sisters and brother, members of the Senate and House, and all the good friends of this distinguished beloved Senator friend of ours.

Yes, I am afraid I did sort of crowd in on this program. But I wanted so much to be able to come here today to join with the many, many friends and admirers of Senator Chavez. I wanted to do this because this gentleman, this kindly man, many times gave me encouragement when I really needed it; many times gave me a feeling of sense of purpose when one needed it; and at all times set an example of being deeply concerned about the needs of humanity. Much has already been said about the life of this good man, and I should like to add just my brief word to it.

I served with him for 14 years in the Senate. But the life of public service of Senator Chavez goes far beyond 14 years—some 32 years in the Congress, almost 33, and then years of service prior to that right here in the Capitol. He was truly a son of this Nation's government. He grew up in the surroundings of the Government of the United States, and his life was one of public service from the earliest days of his youth. And it must be a source of inspiration to others; it surely must be a source of inspiration to those who look with wonderment upon this great country of ours and the hopes and the dreams of this Republic because here was a young man, a man in his youth that was determined to make a contribution to his country over and beyond just normal life. And he set out to do it, to gain an education,

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to learn of his government and to be a part of it—coming from humble stock but rising to the heights of leadership.

May I say to this lovely lady of his, this gracious and wonderful woman that we have grown to love so much—Mrs. Chavez—that this is the appropriate setting for any ceremony to commemorate the life and the works of Senator Chavez. Here we are under this great Capitol dome. This is the house of the people. And the sunlight comes in and radiates throughout these walls and in this chamber to tell us that there is a new day every day in America; and that new day is characterized by the lives of those who live here and who serve here.

So, Senator Anderson, I do want to thank you for affording me today the privilege of paying my personal respects to a dear friend, of saying some words in my capacity as Vice President and the presiding officer of the Senate, concerning the works and the deeds and the words of a good Senator—one who brought honor to his family, to his State, to his Nation and to himself. And may I say that when you can do that you have lived a full life. And the life of this man goes on. He finds himself now in this chamber of the immortals, in the hall of the great; and he deserves to be here. Thank you.

Remarks by
The Honorable John W. McCormack

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mrs. Chavez, son Dennis, Mr. Vice President, and Chief Justice Warren: When former President Truman heard of the tragic death of Senator Dennis Chavez of New Mexico, he said, "He was a good public servant, and that is about the highest thing you can say about a man." The other eulogies that were accorded the memory of this great man at the time of his death and the tributes that will be uttered on this occasion, none of these will give him greater praise than this. With complete agreement, with fervor, we say, "He was a good public servant."

I knew him well, best perhaps, when we served together in the House. I followed his later career in the Senate with pride and respect for his achievements. His beloved State of New Mexico has appropriately honored him as the first of its sons chosen for the honor he receives here today.

I am proud to be one of those privileged to testify now to their friendship with Senator Dennis Chavez and the deep respect and friendship of those who served with him in the House of Representatives and the United States Senate. He was a born leader, an able legislator, a dedicated public servant, and a patriotic American.

To the members of his family, I say that though their grief is terribly deep today as they recall his passing, their pride should be fully as great because of the honor that has now been paid to his memory, the memory of one who was indeed "a good public servant."

Remarks by the Honorable Earl Warren

CHIEF JUSTICE, U.S. SUPREME COURT

Senator Anderson, Mr. Vice President, Mrs. Chavez, other members of the family, and ladies and gentlemen:

When I came here today, I came merely to pay my humble respects to a great citizen and a great public servant. I intended either to sit or stand with you in this rotunda and had no expectation even of sitting on this platform. You can imagine my surprise when the Senator called upon me. But I will say, with all my heart, that Dennis Chavez was a great citizen and a great public servant. If we are to measure greatness by goodness of heart and by having the milk of human kindness in one's veins, then I think we must all recognize that Dennis Chavez was a great man. We rejoice in his great service, we honor his memory today; and I am happy to be with the people of New Mexico, who are all so indebted to him.

Remarks by Senator Mike Mansfield

OF MONTANA

We meet, today, to honor a man whom we respected in life and whom we revere in memory. The name, Dennis Chavez, is the name of a relative, a friend, and a colleague. It is a name which means many things to many people.

To his family, it is the name of a beloved man. To his friends from home and here, it is the name of a warm and faithful man, a true son of the soil of New Mexico and a man equally at home in urban Washington. To his colleagues in the Senate, it is the name of a memorable Senator, a Senator's Senator, whose long and distinguished career has left a lasting mark upon the development of the State of New Mexico which he loved so well, and the Nation which he served so diligently.

We are, all of us who have served or who still serve in the Senate and those who will—we are small parts of a great and continuing whole, always complete and never completed. As Senators, wherever we come from in the Nation, we bring some contribution, however limited, and in so doing, leave a trace in this continuing whole before we pass on.

Today, we place a remembrance of Senator Dennis Chavez. It tells us that he has passed this way and left his mark. It tells us that his was a special contribution to the Nation from New Mexico.

Dennis Chavez brought to the Senate the rare personal gifts of courage and dedication. He brought the iron of his self-made life and a compassion for the less fortunate, born of his early struggle out of poverty. He brought these gifts to the Senate, enriched by a profound self-education through reading and formal education in the law.

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He wrapped these gifts in a unique cultural contribution. For the name Dennis Chavez came out of the Iberian tradition, several centuries old, in the Southwest. This good, loyal, able, and courageous man carried that tradition so evident here in this rotunda which, at its apex, spread from Spain to the Americas and to the Philippines. He carried it, in his person, into the Senate and, hence, into the fullness of the culture of the United States.

So Dennis Chavez is honored now in memory by this replica. He is honored for a life of service, as a New Mexican, as a Senator, and as an outstanding American.

Remarks by Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen

OF ILLINOIS

My friend and colleague, Senator Anderson, Reverend Clergy, Mrs. Chavez and your family, distinguished Chief Justice, my colleagues in the Congress, my fellow citizens:

In 1933, 435 men and women raised their hands and took the oath of office as Representatives in the Congress. Among them was the distinguished Speaker who was here a moment ago, the Honorable John McCormack; still another one very humble, indeed, was the present Minority Leader of the Senate. And in that distinguished group was one who had served a term and was serving his second term, from the great State of New Mexico, Dennis Chavez. We quickly became friends. And from that day to this, that friendship, or the memory of that friendship, has endured. As I thought about him, I thought about a meeting in Paris in 1919. It was on the part of those imaginative people who thought that the fellowship of conflict should endure and be preserved and made a durable force in our national lives. That group in Paris set the foundation for the American Legion, and wrote a constitution and a preamble. That preamble is recited in thousands of chapters in every country and continent on the face of the earth. And in that preamble there is an especially significant clause. That clause says "to sanctify our comradeship by devotion to mutual helpfulness." Often I have thought of my friend, Dennis Chavez, in that sense and in that spirit. First, to sanctify because there is something sacred and something sanctified about all human personality and its interplay one on the other. Years ago, when I went over the country to raise some money for the beleaguered Chinese people, a friend

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said to me, "Why do you waste all this time, at your own expense, to help raise money for these people 12,000 miles from home?" And I answered him in the language of that old Irish poet: "Every man's death diminishes me because I am of mankind." Dennis Chavez had a sense of that sanctity all the days of his life because he was of mankind.

He had a sense of comradeship. And comradeship, of course, means to pursue to the common purpose, a common objective, a common tradition. In the Senate of the United States he never forgot it. The cynics may call the Senate a club, and it is quite all right because we do not mind; we know that in that body, quite aside from parties and lines, it is a sense of comradeship that you find in few groups in this entire world. He never forgot it.

Sanctify our comradeship by devotion. Devotion to people—what a tender and compassionate attribute of humankind it really is. Somehow, in a feverish, turbulent and cynical world, we are apt to forget it. And yet, is there anything greater than a tender devotion, than a sublime compassion for the problems and the tribulations of our fellow men?

And then mutual helpfulness. That means a two-way street. Life doesn't operate as a one-man street, or a one-way street, and neither does the Senate of the United States or the House of Representatives where he served. When I found myself in difficulties over a particular piece of legislation—and his beloved widow will remember—I went to the hospital to see him. In a jiffy he ordered his administrative assistant to call the committee, and he put it on track so quickly and I felt that I would be indebted to him all the days of my life because it was the act of a friend who undertook to be mutually helpful. In that one phrase, I think there is bound the whole purpose, the whole objective, the whole achievement in the life of Dennis Chavez.

And, Mrs. Chavez, as the Congress receives this bronze likeness, may I say to you that there is a greater and more enduring monument to him and that monument is in the pulsing heart

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and in the living shrine of his friends, his associates, his colleagues, who had the privilege to serve with him. I count myself blessed, indeed, that I knew him as one of those gentle personalities who comes this way, who tarries for a little while and then is gathered up to the dust of his Father's. I can only say to him and to his memory: Hail and farewell. You are deeply enshrined, indeed, in the monument of the human heart.

Remarks by His Excellency Dr. Guillermo Sevilla-Sacasa

AMBASSADOR FROM NICARAGUA

Mr. Vice President, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chief Justice, Senator Anderson, ladies and gentlemen: I am honored and deeply gratified to be present this afternoon at the solemn ceremony of unveiling the bronze statue of the eminent statesman and parliamentarian, Dennis Chavez.

Dennis Chavez loved his country, he served it with fervent devotion and with unswerving faith in its glorious destiny. Therefore, in his own right, he joins the assembly of illustrious Americans whose lives were an example and who, upon their death, had earned the everlasting gratitude of their compatriots and friends.

In these hallowed halls of the most highly respected monument of the Nation, the Capitol, which reflects the history of the United States of America, bronze and marble have a soul. Bronze and marble speak, impress, inspire and guide the ever-victorious march of this great Nation, which is a bastion of peace, liberty and justice throughout the world—a generous and powerful nation, proud of its people and of the prestige of its institutions.

All those who met and knew Dennis Chavez can never forget him. When Dennis Chavez died, he was one of the patriarchs of the U.S. Senate, where so many eminent personalities share responsibility under the aegis of a common land. Dennis Chavez was admired as a politician, a gentleman, and a friend.

Dennis Chavez was very devoted to the sister nations of Latin America. He believed, and rightly so, that the best friends of the United States are in Latin America, and in this belief he

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always tried to help them. Dennis Chavez was aware of our faults, but he tried generously to overlook them. Dennis Chavez was aware of our virtues, and he gallantly took pleasure in making them known.

Dennis Chavez visited many of our countries, and he won the affection of our peoples. I might say that Dennis Chavez has monuments of affection erected in the heart of Latin America.

Dennis Chavez honored me with his friendship. We passed through this rotunda and these halls many times together, talking about inter-American matters, the problems which afflict us, the dangers that threaten our democracy and our freedom, and the manner in which those dangers can be averted. On many occasions we paused to contemplate the statues in this rotunda which consecrate the exalted human values which the United States of America presents to the world.

I salute Dennis Chavez, restored in bronze, and I say to him, in the presence of his esteemed widow and beloved children, that the peoples of Latin America whom he so dearly loved, join in this tribute of rightful recognition to his excellent qualities as an eminent statesman, a true gentleman, and a loyal friend.

Remarks by Gen. Earle G. Wheeler

CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Members of the Congress, Mrs. Chavez: The chairman of the Defense Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations, United States Senate, on April 18, 1961, addressed the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as follows:

"Each year, as we meet here, we hope for a lessening of world tensions, with the resultant possibility that a decrease in military preparation and expense can be realized. But it seems that each time that we meet some new attempt is being made to subjugate portions of the free world. A little over a year ago it was Lebanon and the Formosa area. Today it is Laos and Vietnam. We can hope that firm decisions, wisely made, will lead to a peaceful solution. However, it is the job of this committee to assure itself our military forces are prepared to meet whatever contingency may face us. So long as communistic countries seek to extend their power and control by attempted subjugation of other governments, we cannot—we dare not—relax our efforts to maintain an adequate defense, costly though it is.

"We of this subcommittee, as well as the taxpayers of the country, feel that no sacrifice is too great to insure our freedom, and the freedom of other peoples."

These words of the late Senator Chavez, better than would any of mine, portray his role in defense, his wisdom, judgment, and lasting contribution to freedom. The readiness of the United States today in Vietnam is Senator Chavez' own memorial as is this statue.

We, in the Armed Forces, share with the Senate, and with all of you, pride in Senator Chavez, great friend, wise legislator, and stalwart American.

Remarks by Senator Lister Hill

OF ALABAMA

Mr. Chairman: Of the 27 years my friend Dennis Chavez served in the U.S. Senate, I served 24 years with him. Of the 13 years he served on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor and Health, Education, and Welfare, as chairman and ranking member, I served with him all those years. Dennis and I were right arms to each other, joined in common battle against both the ancient and the modern scourges of mankind.

While Dennis was chairman of our Appropriations Subcommittee, I was on his team, and when I became chairman, Dennis sat at my side as my strong teammate, my staunch ally, my beloved friend. I could turn to him, and always did, for wise counsel and valiant support, whenever human needs cried out.

We pay tribute today to Dennis Chavez of New Mexico. He served his State magnificently and was a Senator of all the people of the United States.

Dennis Chavez was not only a steadfast supporter and advocate of all efforts to improve the individual's health, he was a pioneer in anticipating the Nation's environmental health problems which today so deeply trouble us. As early as 1954, he sponsored water pollution legislation, and in 1959, he sponsored legislation to combat air pollution.

In 1949, he advocated and sponsored a national health insurance program, a forerunner of today's Medicare.

He was concerned with relieving the economic and emotional burdens caused by mental disease, and with the rehabilitation of the mentally ill.

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His powerful advocacy of medical research extended far beyond our borders, to the mobilization of world leadership to strengthen international cooperation in health research.

In view of his ardent support of the National Institutes of Health, how fitting it was that it was there at Bethesda, in 1961, that the Ambassador of Mexico conferred upon Dennis the highest honor that his country confers upon any citizen of another country, the Order of the Aztec Eagle.

Dennis' life reminds us of the words of the ancient Greek philosopher who declared, "One cannot get closer to God than by bringing health to one's fellow man."

Moved by a compassionate heart, by love for his fellow man, by deep sympathy and concern for all who suffer—the underprivileged, the poor, the sick, the disadvantaged—this sweet and gentle man left his mark upon us all. His spirit lives among us today. When we pass before this splended monument, we shall be inspired and challenged anew by his deeds of selfless devotion, his life of noble dedication.

Remarks by Representative Henry B. Gonzalez

OF TEXAS

Mrs. Chavez, members of the Chavez family, Mr. Vice President, Mr. Chief Justice, General Wheeler, His Excellency the Bishop, distinguished Senators and honored colleagues in the House, fellow Americans: Of course, it is a high honor that the Chavez family should have thought to place me on the program this afternoon. I feel very much humbled. I feel humbled because I can recall back in the hot summer days in Texas that to a conglomeration of people designated in the great southwest of the United States as the Spanish speaking, or the Latin-American, the name Dennis Chavez loomed large—as it still does, in fact. I am sure that what I say can be also said of the States of Arizona and California, Colorado, wherever in this great southwestern section of the United States the soft and the lisping sound of the Spanish tongue is heard. To those of us who have similar surnames, of course, this great man has served as a tremendous stimulus and inspiration. I couldn't possibly summon the words with which to describe to you the true impact that the career of Senator Chavez has had on this large conglomeration of peoples.

This afternoon it may be proper to point out that this statue that we here today honor by its unveiling actually has a unique inscription. The great and the illustrious son of Senator Chavez was pointing out to me that this is perhaps the only statue in Statuary Hall that has an inscription in three tongues—English, Spanish, and Navajo, an Indian dialect. He was telling me that ancestors of his—and, therefore, ancestors of the Senator—had died a violent death at the hands of the Navajos but that when his father died the Navajos had made an utterance which

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is today inscribed in the plaque at the foot of the statue. Translated it means roughly: "We have lost our voice; our voice is lost or gone forever." This, I think, is a most appropriate testimonial to the greatness and the contribution of Senator Chavez.

To those of us who will, in the future, have the honor, the pleasure and the satisfaction of walking through these halls, and knowing that the visitors from the Southwest United States will find a familiar name here, know that he is actually national in import—in fact, as the ambassador has so eloquently pointed out, internationally known.

So, in closing, I am sure that part of the humility that I sincerely feel is the secure knowledge that there are untold thousands of my fellow citizens of southwestern United States who perhaps in more eloquent terms could express more succinctly the honor, the prestige, the inspiration that the name Senator Dennis Chavez symbolizes to us all. Thank you very much.

Remarks by Hon. Paul A. Porter

Some 15 years ago a sad and sordid chapter of this Nation's history was unfolding. Demagogues with no regard for truth or constitutional principles were indulging in widespread character assassination not only of government employees but of private citizens as well. Morale in the Federal service, particularly of the State Department, was impaired and all but shattered. Voices of dissent on the campuses and elsewhere were intimidated and stifled. Indeed this Nation was in peril of becoming entrapped in an environment of mediocrity, conformity, and fear. Few were the voices crying out against this vicious trend.

On the 12th day of May 1950, one such voice did speak out. Dennis Chavez arose that day on the floor of the Senate of the United States and sounded a clear call for a return to decency and sanity and basic principles of due process and American traditions of fairness and justice.

Said Senator Chavez on that day: "I should like to be remembered as the man who raised a voice—and I devoutly hope not a voice in the wilderness—at a time in the history of this body when we seem bent upon placing limitations on the freedom of the individual. I would consider all of the legislation which I have supported meaningless if I were to sit idly by, silent, during a period which may go down in history as an era when we permitted the curtailment of our liberties, a period when we quietly shackled the growth of men's minds.

"It matters little if the Congress appropriates hundreds of millions of dollars to check the erosion of the soil if we permit the erosion of our civil liberties, free institutions, and the untrammelled pursuit of truth.

"Mr. President, I am referring to the current attempt to establish tests and criteria for the patriotism of U.S. citizens, the

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attempt to evaluate Americans by the political beliefs they hold. And I am deeply concerned lest the consequences of these attempts lead to the control of our acts and of our thoughts, and ultimately to the destruction of our entire democratic way of life."

Senator Chavez in addition to his deep concern for the mighty principles he was espousing developed a detailed and factual context to support such precepts. One of his targets was a notorious informer who had been spreading his calumnies in the press, before congressional committees and any other forum that would give him the opportunity. This individual claimed particular credence because of his widely publicized conversion to the Catholic Church. Senator Chavez stated: "Mr. President, for the first time in my 19 years in Congress, I make the deliberate point of referring to my religion. I speak as a Roman Catholic. My ancestors brought the cross to this hemisphere. This informer has been using this cross as a club. I stand in judgment of no man. It has always been my contention that in a democracy each man has the right to live his own life privately, and without the intrusion of self-appointed or official probers, provided he lives within the law and has a decent respect for the equal rights of his neighbor."

This is not the time nor the place nor do I have the time to review some of the events to which this distinguished Senator addressed himself on that day. I only wish to refer to the fact that he felt so deeply about the values of freedom which he so eloquently proclaimed.

In concluding his address on that day, Senator Chavez commented: "Mr. President, when we consider all these things, when we think seriously about them, the past arises before us like a dream. Gossip and intrigue destroyed Greece, and Crete before it. Intrigue and totalitarian ideas destroyed Rome. Intrigue has destroyed every great empire that has arisen. I do not like such things. We have a wonderful country. We should be proud of our ancestors. We should be proud of what they did when they devised the Declaration of Independence, and wrote



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the Constitution, and the first 10 amendments to the Constitution which protect the rights of every citizen. All I ask is that we proceed under the Constitution."

I have often speculated about the motivations that prompted Senator Chavez to speak out. This was a time of hysteria when nothing but political jeopardy could attend those who aligned themselves against these evil forces. They were swift to retaliate, to denounce and to smear. But I think I know why Senator Chavez felt it necessary for him to lead this fight. The explanation of why he spoke out is, to my mind, an uncomplicated one. Senator Chavez cared deeply about his country and its basic charter—our Constitution. The sources of his indignation were deep rooted. Injustice and abuse of individual rights were too repugnant to his philosophy for him to stand mute in its presence.

Thus on this 12th day of May, 1950, there came what I believe can be described as the beginning of the end. Because of Senator Chavez's leadership, others dared to speak out as well. Those in the Federal service and members of the bar who were defending them took new heart. Slowly and inexorably the environment changed. Most citizens after a time no longer felt the oppression of fear and terror that accompanied the procedures Senator Chavez so brilliantly exposed and so vigorously denounced.

Thus I say that this is a bright chapter in Profiles of Courage and Senator Chavez's contribution to restoring the American heritage on that day cannot be measured.

I am happy and proud to recall this important event in the career of this warm, dedicated, and generous spirit. Free men will revere his memory so long as freedom itself endures.

Remarks by Charles Upham

FORMER PRESIDENT, AMERICAN ROAD BUILDERS
ASSOCIATION

Mr. Vice President, Mrs. Chavez, and friends: The time that I happened to be here in Washington was the time that Senator Chavez happened to be in the Senate. I was then the president and director of the American Road Builders Association, and we had all to do with roads. Senator Chavez came to us and he already had a very good knowledge of roads and road construction, but he made it a point to learn more about them so that eventually he was very well versed in roads. He talked about the ratio, the construction maintenance ratio, the demand of traffic, and all such things as that in detail so that he became very well posted in highways and highway construction. So it was perfectly natural that the Federal aid bills that were handled in the next little while under his guidance and jurisdiction and influence were probably some of the best road bills that have ever been put out in Congress. It has been proven so by the fact that the road program has been very successful in the economy and efficiency of transportation and in the efficiency of construction, and so forth. And possibly that would be the greatest thing that has ever happened in highways in the past few years.

Another thing, at that particular time Senator Chavez was very interested in the Central and South American countries and their road programs. So, he brought many people up to this country, many of the officials, some individuals who were not officials, and they came up here and studied highways. I know that we had 22 engineers from Central and South America come here to the United States to study highways. And then it was he—Senator Chavez—that said we must build roads and be

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leaders of roads in Central and South America. The result of that whole thing was the Pan-American highway, which has now been constructed with very little exception as far as Panama. So during this period of legislation on highway fields, during the same period that Senator Chavez was influencing the legislation, we have gone through a wonderful bit of history in regard to highways and gained not only a good reputation but gained in efficiency and production.

Besides the South American and Central American highways, they are now building highways over South America—much of it which extends from the work that they did here on the Pan-American highway with which Senator Chavez had so much to do.

So, I was going to say that if you are traveling over a part of that Central American highway, or even farther south into South America, or if you happen to be riding on the State roads, the inter-State roads of this country over a nice smooth highway—and I might say that the State roads are completed up to about 50 percent now—but if when you ride over those roads that I mentioned, don't forget that a great deal of that is due to the leadership and the extra effort that was displayed by Senator Chavez during those formative years. Thank you.

Remarks by Robert L. Bennett

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

It is an honor for me to represent the Indian people of this Nation here today as we honor the memory of Senator Dennis Chavez. Most of us who were on the Navajo Reservation when he was in the Senate know of his devotion to the service of the Indian people. The mark of this man was in the fact that notwithstanding his grandfather's death at the hands of the Navajo and Apache Indians, he extended the hand of friendship to them. They, in turn, grasped it and came to love him as he loved them. It is no wonder then that at his passing they cried out the words inscribed in Navajo on his statue, "We have lost our voice."

Benediction

By the Reverend Frederick B. Harris

CHAPLAIN OF THE SENATE

Let us pray.

Blessed are the dead, who died in the Lord. Yea, sayeth the spirit.

They rest from their labors; their works do follow them. Especially we recall to remembrance, Thy living kindness and mercy to this, Thy servant. We bless Thee for the grace that kindled in his heart, the love of Thy dear name. 'Tis hard to take the burden up when these have laid it down. They brightened all the joy of life, they softened every frown. But, oh, 'tis good to think of them when we are troubled sore. Thanks be to God that such have been, though they are here no more.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace. Amen.